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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5600

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLOS, OCLR, TGEN, DR

SUBJECT: SILVER AND NAVIDAD BANKS

REF: STATE 196192#

1. EMBASSY CONFIRMS THAT UNDER GODR'S LAW 186 OF 1967  
CONCERNING THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE DR, THE SILVER AND  
NAVIDAD BANKS ARE MENTIONED. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF RELEVANT  
ARTICLE 6 OF SAID LAW IS AS FOLLOWS.

QUOTE THE DOMINICAN STATE DECLARES, IN GENERAL SENSE,  
THAT IT HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE PRODUCTIVITY  
OF THE SEA RESOURCES ANYWHERE ON THE HIGH SEAS ADJACENT TO ITS  
TERRITORIAL WATERS, AND THAT IT RESERVES THE RIGHT, THEREFORE,  
TO PARTICIPATE ON EQUAL TERMS IN ANY ORGANIZATION OF STUDIES  
AND IN ANY SYSTEM OF RESEARCH OR REGULATION RELATING TO THE  
CONSERVATION FO THE ABOVEMENTIONED RESOURCES IN ANY OF THE HIGH  
SEAS AREAS, EVEN THOUGH ITS NATIONALS HAVE NOT BEEN OR ARE NOT  
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ENGAGED IN THEIR EXPLOITATION.

THEREFORE, THE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE  
PRODUCTIVITY OF THE SEA RESOURCES ON THE SILVER BANK, THE CENTER  
OF WHICH LIES ON LAT. 20 DEGREES, 32.5 MINUTES, N., LONG. 69  
DEGREES, 42 MINUTES, W., AND THE NAVIDAD BANK, THE CENTER OF  
WHICH LIES ON LAT. 20 DEGREES 01 MINUTES, N., LONG. 68 DEGREES  
51 MINUTES, W., IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE OF NATIONAL INTEREST.  
UNQUOTE

2. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY INCIDENTS CONCERNING RESEARCH  
ON THE BANKS AND THEREFORE, CANNOT CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT  
NOTIFICATION HAS EVER BEEN GIVEN TO THE GODR OR WHETHER SUCH  
NOTIFICATION OR CLEARANCE WOULD BE EXPECTED IN THE CASE CITED  
REFTEL.  
HURWITCH

NOTE BY OC/T: #AS RECEIVED.

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